

Don Voltz to speak about the Delaware Sports Museum and Hall of Fame at Lewes, Del.'s Zwaanendael Museum on Feb. 14, 2015

-Listing of museum events through May 2015 also included-

(DOVER, Del.—Feb. 6, 2015)—On Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015 at 2 p.m., the Zwaanendael Museum, located at 102 Kings Highway in Lewes, Del., will present a lecture by Don Voltz, executive director of the Delaware Sports Museum and Hall of Fame. Voltz, who is also a well-known sportscaster for WDEL radio in Wilmington, will discuss the planning and creation of the Delaware sports museum, and shine a spotlight on some of its most illustrious inductees. The program is the 1990s chapter of “Delaware Decades,” an eight-part series of lectures exploring successive decades in Delaware’s history from the 1930s to the 2000s. Admission to the event is free and open to the public but, due to space restrictions, reservations are required by calling the museum at 302-645-1148 no later than Feb. 13, 2015.



The [Delaware Sports Museum and Hall of Fame](#) celebrates the history, preserves the legacy and honors the heroes of sports within Delaware and those who have brought recognition to Delaware by their accomplishments elsewhere. The membership strives to educate young and old about athletics, sportsmanship and work ethic while providing inspiration to maintain active and healthy lifestyles through sports.

Forty-year radio veteran [Don Voltz](#) has served as a sports broadcaster for WDEL radio in Wilmington, Del. since 1986 including a 10-year stint as the voice of the University of Delaware Blue Hens. He is a past president of the Chesapeake Associated Press Broadcasters Association and has been Delaware state representative for the Heisman Trophy and the Wooden award for 15 years. In addition to his radio duties, Voltz has served as executive director of the Delaware Sports Museum and Hall of Fame since June 2013.



Don Voltz

The [Zwaanendael Museum](#) was built in 1931 to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the state's first European colony, Swanendael, established by the Dutch along Hoorn Kill (present-day Lewes-Rehoboth Canal) in 1631. Designed by E. William Martin (architect of Legislative Hall and the Hall of Records in Dover), the museum is modeled after the town hall in Hoorn, the Netherlands, and features a stepped-facade gable

with carved stonework and decorated shutters.



Zwaanendael Museum

Following is a schedule of Zwaanendael-Museum-sponsored events through May 2015. Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Zwaanendael Museum located at 102 Kings Highway in Lewes, Del. Museum hours from Nov. 1 to March 31 are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. From April 1 to Oct. 31, museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free for all events listed. For additional information, call 302-645-1148.

Zwaanendael Museum exhibits and displays

Ongoing

[“Delaware and the War of 1812.”](#) Exhibit examines the service and sacrifice of Delawareans of 1812 to 1815, and the important role that the state played in a conflict that helped shaped the development of the United States.

Ongoing

[“A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World.”](#) Exhibit utilizes artifacts recovered from His Majesty’s Sloop of War DeBraak, a British warship that sank off the Delaware coast on May 25, 1798 to tell the story of the vessel, its crew and the historical context within which it operated in the Atlantic World of the late 18th century.

Thru April 14, 2015 Ongoing

"Simple Pleasures: Play and Dance." Display of original Edwardian and roaring-20s fashions that reflect the spirit of the liberated "modern" woman as depicted in the "Downton Abbey" television series. From the collections of the state of Delaware. **Note change in closing date.**

Zwaanendael Museum upcoming special events

Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015

"Delaware's Decades—the 1990s." Don Voltz, executive director of the [Delaware Sports Museum and Hall of Fame](#), will discuss the planning and creation of the museum and its inductees. Part seven of an eight-part series exploring decades in Delaware's history. 2 p.m. Free admission but, due to space restrictions, reservations are required by calling 302-645-1148 no later than **Feb. 2 13**, 2015. **Note change in reservations date.**

Saturday, March 14, 2015

Delaware's Decades—the 2000s. Lecture by Bill Ayrey, lab manager and company historian from [ILC Dover](#), who will discuss the future of space travel and space suits from the early 2000s to the present. Eighth and final installment of a series exploring decades in Delaware's history. 2 p.m. Free admission but, due to space restrictions, reservations are required by calling 302-645-1148 no later than March 13, 2015.

Thursday–Saturday, April 9–11, 2015

Lewes Tulip Celebration. City-wide series of activities celebrating Lewes' Dutch heritage including Dutch games, crafts and a display of Delftware ceramics at the Zwaanendael Museum. Sponsored by the [Lewes Chamber of Commerce](#). Downtown Lewes. 10 a.m.–4 p.m. 302-645-8073.

Saturday, April 18, 2015

Dutch-American Friendship Day. Discover Delaware's Dutch roots and learn how that connection is alive today. 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 25, 2015

King's Day. Celebration of the birthday of King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands in a program that will also explore royal titles and Delaware's Dutch connection. 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 23, 2015

Fourth Annual Zwaanendael Maritime Festival: "A Sailor's Life for Me." Maritime-themed activities, games, displays by local organizations and more. 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

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